

# **Vance Hartke letters**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Hartke, Vance, 1919-2003
<b>Creator</b>	Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972
<b>Title</b>	Vance Hartke letters
<b>Date</b>	1958-1973
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
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## Biographical Note

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(Rupert) Vance Hartke was born in Stendal, Pike County, Indiana on May 31, 1919. He served in the United States Coast Guard and Navy during World War II, advancing from seaman to lieutenant. He graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1948 and began his law career in Evansville, Indiana. A Democrat, he served as the mayor of Evansville, Indiana (1956-1958), before resigning to become a United States Senator. He was re-elected to the senate in both 1964 and 1970 and he advocated for civil rights and social programs like medicare. Senator Hartke was well known for his opposition to the Vietnam War and unsuccessfully ran for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1972. He lost his bid for re-election in 1976 to Richard Lugar. Senator Hartke died in Falls Church, Virginia on July 27, 2003 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

### Sources:

"Ex-Sen. Hartke, a foe of Vietnam War, dies." *Indianapolis Star*, July 29, 2003, p. A1. Print.

"Hartke, Rupert Vance." *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*. Retrieved July 14, 2015. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/>

"Vance Hartke, 84, Antiwar Senator from Indiana Dies." *New York Times*, July 29, 2003. Retrieved July 14, 2015. <http://www.nytimes.com/>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes one letter sent to Vance Hartke from Harry S. Truman in 1958 and five letters sent by Hartke and his staff to constituents ranging from 1965 to 1973, regarding visits to Indiana, public policy, and Senator Hartke's continuing concerns about the war in Cambodia.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Congress. Senate..

## **Geographic Name(s)**

- Cambodia--History--Civil War, 1970-1975
- Evansville (Ind.)

## **Subject(s)**

- Democratic Party (Ind.)
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Lawyers--Indiana
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975